

in South Dakota. A big argument up there because the State Board of Education determined that the school district, Keya Paha County, should pay tuition to those students who happen to live closer to the school in Burke, South Dakota. So I think probably this is one of the very few bills I ever had that had an A bill on it and you will notice the A bill was \$5,375, not a real huge amount. However, by having this bill on the books it has resolved the argument up there. The money has never been spent and that I understand is one of Senator Warner's concerns that it is appropriated but it has never been spent but I guess I maintain that just having the money there available so that if the State Board of Education decides that these students should be sent to South Dakota they would be required to pay half of the tuition rather than having the district pay the whole amount of the tuition and that is the issue at hand. Every year Senator Warner brings in this budget bill and it is buried in there but the money is always deleted. Now in addition this year the Performance and Review Committee introduced LB 616 which did. . . well it not only deleted the money but it also repealed the previous bill and that came before the Education Committee of which I am a member. The Education Committee indefinitely postponed the bill without any opposition and so here I am back fighting this thing again. I just ask that you adopt this amendment which puts the \$5,000 back in the budget and I hope you will adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just to briefly explain the committee's position, Senator Lamb has outlined that it would be correct that we did introduce the bill which was indefinitely postponed by the Education Committee but the feeling of the majority of the committee on this particular issue was exactly as has been indicated that the money has not been spent the last two years, that the presumption is it was unlikely that it would or in the event that they do see fit, the State Board of Education, to fund this, that then it could either be done through the deficiency bill next year or the claims bill because the authorization is still there in law. This is in a program that has several million dollars in it so they could fund it. We could do a deficiency but again it was a simple fact that it appeared to the majority of us it was not likely to be spent. If it was not likely to be spent then it was just one other place to keep the cost down in the appropriation bill even though it is a relatively small amount.